

⚠️ PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT ⚠️

WE MUST STOP THE SCOURGE OF FENTANYL

The clock is ticking for Congress to take action and make sure law enforcement has the tools they need to keep extremely lethal and dangerous drugs off our streets.

The emergency class-wide scheduling order for fentanyl-related substances is set to expire on **February 18, 2022**. There are deadly consequences if Speaker Pelosi and the Democrats allow this order to expire.

- Fentanyl and fentanyl-related substances are responsible for record high overdose deaths in America.
- If this scheduling order expires, many fentanyl-related substances will become street legal.
- Law enforcement will lose the authority to seize these extremely lethal drugs.
- Drug traffickers will be empowered to push deadlier and deadlier drugs on our streets, skirting federal law by changing as little as a molecule in the fentanyl formula to create legal variations.
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection will lose the authority to seize these substances crossing the border.

BOTTOM LINE: We need to take swift action to make the emergency class-wide scheduling order for fentanyl-related substances permanent and give law enforcement the tools they need to keep Americans safe.

LIVES ARE ON THE LINE

- Drug overdoses are killing a record number of Americans. According to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), **100,306 people died from May 2020 to April 2021. It's nearly a 30% increase in overdoses** from the same period the year before.
- Synthetic opioids – primarily fentanyl and fentanyl-related substances – accounted for nearly two-thirds of the overdose deaths. It's **a 50% increase in a single year**.
- Fentanyl and fentanyl-related substances can be 50-100 times more potent than morphine—or worse. Just a few milligrams, which can fit in the ear of Lincoln on a penny, can be lethal. In the past year alone, **enough fentanyl has been seized at the border to kill every American**.
- These dangerous drugs are being smuggled across our southern border and are also coming from China. Along parts of the southern border, federal agents have reported a **4,000% increase in fentanyl seizures** over the last three years.
- Fentanyl is easier to produce than cocaine or heroin – it only takes a few hours to make – and is up to 20 times more profitable. Since small doses of fentanyl create intense effects, it's easier to illegally smuggle small batches across the border.
- Criminal drug cartels are flooding the U.S. with counterfeit pills. **More counterfeit pills have been seized so far in 2021 than the previous two years combined**, with two out every five pills containing a potentially lethal dose of fentanyl.

